



## **LAW OF THE MONTH - May, 2019**

### **Vehicles to stop for school buses displaying flashing red lights**

With summer approaching, more people are getting outside due to the nicer weather. This means more people are travelling on roads in Dodge County. Due to certain road closures, people may be taking new routes and driving in rural areas. We must remember that school is still in session and buses will be dropping kids off during busy times of the day. With heavier traffic in rural areas, it will not be uncommon to see school buses dropping kids off at home. When traveling on rural roads, or out for a drive, it is important to remember what to do when a school bus activates its red lights. The statute below outlines what to do if you see a school bus activate its lights while driving. Our goal is to keep children safe and that includes their walk home from the bus! Please slow down and yield to help keep the children in Dodge County safe.

#### **346.48 Vehicles to stop for school buses displaying flashing lights.**

(1) The operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped on a street or highway when the bus is equipped according to s. 347.25 (2) and when it is displaying flashing red warning lights, shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. The operator of any school bus which approaches from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped and is displaying flashing red warning lights shall display its flashing red lights while stopped. This subsection does not apply to operators of vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction on a divided highway